

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Ethics Board
Thursday, July 5, 2012
Audrey Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B

Minutes

Members Present: Lena Barry, John DeWolf, Saul Nesselroth, James Raynor, Nora Stevens
(Chair)
Staff Present: Maria Capriola, Assistant Town Manager

The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike Road. Mr. Hossack expressed disappointment with the Code approved by Council. He also thanked the Board for their efforts during the revision process.

Elizabeth Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road. Ms. Wassmundt commented on Board member participation during Council's deliberations of the Code.

Mike Sikoski, Windham. Mr. Sikoski spoke to his disappointment with the Code approved by Council, Board member participation during Council's deliberations of the Code, and staff assigned to the Board.

II. APPROVAL OF 11/3/2011 MINUTES

Mr. Nesselroth made the motion, seconded by Mr. Raynor to adopt the minutes. The minutes were approved as presented (Barry, Nesselroth, Raynor, Stevens in favor with DeWolf abstaining).

Ms. Barry voted during the meeting of 7/5/12 since Mr. Smith was not able to attend the meeting.

III. UPDATE ON REVISIONS TO ETHICS CODE

Ms. Stevens and Mr. Nesselroth offered remarks regarding the Code adopted by Council in May 2012.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

Board members reviewed and discussed the legal opinion provided by Town Attorney O'Brien (re: Board member participation on political committees) and the memo from the Mansfield Board of Education (re: BOE plans to adopt a similar Ethics Code and its request to have BOE employees removed from the Town's Ordinance).

V. DISTRIBUTION OF ETHICS CODE

Ms. Capriola reviewed some of the plans for hard copy and electronic distribution of the Code to employees and to public officials. Training on the new Code was discussed; the Board has agreed to assist in developing training materials. New hire packets include information on the Ethics Code.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Nesselroth made the motion, seconded by Mr. DeWolf to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:41pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria E. Capriola, Assistant Town Manager *on behalf of Lena Barry, Secretary*